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SUBJECT: PROJECT OLYMPIA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REPORT THAT OTE IS RECONSIDERING ITS PROJECT OLYMPIA AWARD TO MARCONI. APPARENTLY MARCONI REPRESENTATIVES LEFT ATHENS IN DECEMBER FOR UK WITH DRAFT AGREEMENT. THEY REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD RETURN IN EARLY JANUARY 1974 TO FINALIZE CONTRACT. AT THAT TIME, MARCONI HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT SOME CONTRACTUAL TERMS, AND OTE ADOPTED A TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT POSITION. BY MID-JANUARY 1974 MARCONI HAD ALLEGEDLY RESPONDED ONLY PARTIALLY AND HAD NOT ADVISED OTE OF WHEN ITS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD RETURN TO ATHENS. FINALLY, ACCORDING TO REPORT, GOVERNOR OF OTE, PARASKEVOPOULOS HAS SAID THAT IF MARCONI DID NOT RESPOND BY END OF JANUARY, HE WILL RE-EXAMINE SITUATION.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY CHECK INTO REPORT TO DETERMINE ITS ACCURACY AND POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER APPROACH TO OTE BY EITHER EMBASSY OR COLLINS.

3. AS FAR AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, COLLINS HAS NOT HEARD OF ABOVE REPORT. KISSINGER

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